

**CITY OF DUVALL
COUNCIL MEETING
April 8, 2010
7:00 P.M. - Duvall Fire Station**

Council Workshop 6:00 PM: **2010 Council Goals
2010 Code Amendments (Planning Department)**

The City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ibershof at 7:02 P.M.

Council Present: Gérard Cattin, Vicki Edwards, Dianne Brudnicki, Glen Kuntz, Amy Ockerlander, Gary Gill, Elizabeth Walker

Staff Present: Glenn Merryman, Harry Oestreich, Jodi Lee Wycoff, Lara Thomas, City Attorney Kari Sand, Steve Leniszewski, John Lambert

I. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda:

Under Consent Agenda add: Payroll Checks #10263-10282 in the amount of \$213,573.24; and Claims Checks #10183-10359, and #10262 in the amount of \$128,387.23; Under Presentations Add: 5 minute Presentation for Chief Merryman - 25 Years with Duvall; Under Council add: Councilmembers Brudnicki and Walker; Under New Business Remove: AB10-32 Adoption of 2010 Council Goals; and Under Staff Move: Chief Merryman to top of staff reports.

II. Adoption of Council Agenda:

It was moved and seconded (Ockerlander-Edwards) to adopt the 04/08/10 Council Agenda. The motion carried. (7 ayes).

III. Comments from the Audience:

Tove Burhen, Duvall resident, reminded everyone that the Annual Cake Auction at the Senior Center is this Saturday. Seating is at 4:30pm and 6:30pm. She invited everyone to attend.

Kris Wentworth, Duvall Days Director, gave an update on Duvall Days. They have solved the issue of where to have the fireworks and they have decided not to have a beer garden this year. She showed everyone the Duvall Days and Local Heroes flyers that are out now. With the help of a volunteer, Kris now has a complete drawing of downtown Duvall from Valley Street to Woodinville-Duvall Road which will help greatly with planning. Kris said that they need volunteers and they are still seeking donations.

Julie Revell-Benjamin, Duvall resident, said that she has lived in Duvall for over ten years and has had internet service from Broadstripe since 2005. They continue to have problems on a regular basis even after many promises of fixes. They have had six outages lasting anywhere from 15 minutes to 5 hours in the last two weeks. They tested their

up/down speed and they are getting half of what is advertised and what they are charged for. Duvall is less than ten miles from one of the largest software companies and about 20 miles from one of the largest web browser companies and we cannot get reliable internet service. Julie remarked that internet service is not a life or death issue but it is critical to a community like Duvall where many of the residents work from home. She said she fully supports having Google use Duvall as a test site for their internet service.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda:

It was moved and seconded (Walker-Edwards) to approve the consent agenda which included Payroll Checks #10263-10282 in the amount of \$213,573.24; and Claims Checks #10183-10359, and #10262 in the amount of \$128,387.23; Approving the Council Meeting Minutes of 3/25/10. The motion carried. (7 ayes).

V. Presentation: Chief Merryman – 25 Years with Duvall – 5 minutes

Mayor Ibershof invited Police Chief Glenn Merryman's friends and family to the meeting to share in celebrating the Chief's 25 years of service for City of Duvall. Mayor Ibershof read aloud a plaque thanking the him for all of his dedication and service to this community. Each Councilmember then thanked Chief Merryman individually. They shared stories of the Chief which showed his compassion for the community, that no issue is too small, the respect his department and community members have for him, and that he always has a long term perspective when solving issues. They said they have absolutely no regrets hiring him as Chief of Police for Duvall.

Chief Merryman thanked everyone and said that he is often asked if he would do it all over again. He says he definitely would, but only in Duvall.

Presentation: Duvall Co-Op Preschool Update – 5 minutes

Christine Anderson, Parent Educator/Teacher, started by introducing Co-Op Board of Trustee members who were at the meeting – Susan Bhavsar, Board President, Jennifer Tai, Founding Member and Board Secretary, and Julie Gunn, Registrar. She said that she gave a presentation at a recent Public Works Committee meeting and they asked her to present it to the Council as a whole. Three years ago a group of parents decided they wanted to create a Co-Op Preschool in Duvall. They started with 20 families and are almost to 50 families now. They are on the cusp of having a wait list for some of their classes. They are affiliated with Lake Washington Technical College. The parents who are involved are earning college credit and their lab time is spent at the preschool itself.

Christine said that they have been in the Community Center for a couple years now. They are there Monday through Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm and have an average of three evening parenting classes every month. They would like to continue using the Community Center building as they grow. They expect to grow out of it in the next three to five years.

Presentation: Broadstripe Cable – David Irons – 10 minutes

David Irons, Executive Vice President/General Manager, said that he was hired seven months ago as the new Executive Vice President for Broadstripe West Coast. When he was initially approached about the job, he Googled Broadstripe in this area and found that

the service was sub-par. Part of the negotiation terms for his job was that he wanted the funds and executive support to make the service in this area what it needs to be. Broadstripe is spending over half of its capital this year in the Pacific Northwest. One of the first things David did was to increase the staff in this area by 25% and upgraded the quality of that staff as well.

Broadstripe did not have enough equipment for the internet service in this area. They did equipment upgrades about 90 days ago. The system is set up to support 15 mgs 24/7 to each customer. If you are not getting this speed there is likely a localized problem either in the home or in the line leading to the home. David said that if any customer is not getting this speed to call him directly. David also said there were issues with the customer service center because they are on the east coast and would close at 10:00pm their time. They are now open until 10:00pm Pacific time. There is also a 24 hour technical support center. He also said that if there are outages they will give credits for lost service.

David said that they have come a long way. Duvall has similar equipment and services as the Broadstripe in Seattle, which had a performance audit recently. When compared to Comcast during that audit, Broadstripe and Comcast were virtually the same. In response to the earlier public comment, he did say that Mother Nature has not been kind to them in recent weeks and asked the customer to call him directly to discuss the issues. He hopes to have a new monitoring system up and running soon which will alert them whenever there is a power outage along their system.

David then answered questions from Council. Councilmember Brudnicki said that for awhile her internet service was doing well and then all of a sudden the outage problems started happening again. David said that they had an issue where one of their fiber optic lines was cut and it has been fixed. They have also put in a fiber loop so if something like that happens again it will not interrupt service. He said that the plant and system are ready and running but they are finding localized issues. He has recently hired two highly skilled sweep techs that are starting their sweep in the Duvall areas. They are sweeping the entire area and fixing any broken cable they find. Councilmember Kuntz said that we have heard all of these promises before; what about the earlier comment – they have called in multiple times with no real resolution? David said that he understands and as far as customer calls are concerned he has implemented an escalation program in customer services. If someone calls in more than once on the same issue it gets escalated to him.

David also said that Broadstripe went through a major restructure process in 2008. They fired all but one of their executive team members and started over. He said that trouble calls are going down in this area. The service problems in this area can be fixed and he is here to make sure that happens.

VI. Scheduled Items:

1. Mayor:

Mayor Ibershof reported that they had their first meeting with King County TV to discuss a commercial about Duvall. The commercial is being built and we should be able to put it on our own local channel as well. He said that he attended the recent King County Administrators and King County CEO municipal meetings. They gave the AWC

legislative update. They are still in session working on the budget. He also picked up some information about economic forecasting which he gave to Finance Director, Harry Oestreich. The main focus of the meeting he attended was about dealing with union negotiations. Lastly, Mayor Ibershof reminded everyone that the next Council workshop will be at Lake Rasmussen at 6:00 p.m.

2. Council:

Councilmember Dianne Brudnicki said that the Economic Development Committee is reviewing the Future Duvall survey. Councilmember Walker has done a great job organizing the surveys to get information out of them. She said that a lot of the answers on the survey are subjective but overall they seem to confirm the priorities of our government and support the Council goals that were discussed during the workshop. Dianne reviewed just a small sample of the types of answers on the survey to show how difficult it will be to quantify them because they are so subjective.

Councilmember Elizabeth Walker said that she emailed an article to Council last week and the Mayor asked her to print it out for them. She handed out the article titled "*These are Transformative Times*" by Carl H. Neu Jr., President of Neu and Company and Director of the Center for the Future of Local Governance. She encouraged Staff and Council to read it.

VII. Public Hearing: None.

VIII. New Business:

1. (AB10-29) Appointment and Confirmation of Mathew Questad to the Duvall Planning Commission, Position #6, a term ending 12/31/11. *It was moved and seconded (Kuntz-Edwards) to Confirm the Appointment of Mathew Questad to the Duvall Planning Commission, Position #6, a term ending 12/31/11. The motion carried. (7 ayes).*

2. (AB10-30) Appointment and Confirmation of Jo Lacher to the Duvall Cultural Commission, Position #4, a term ending 12/31/10. *It was moved and seconded (Kuntz-Ockerlander) to Confirm the Appointment of Jo Lacher to the Duvall Cultural Commission, Position #4, a term ending 12/31/10. The motion carried. (7 ayes).*

3. (AB10-31) Appointment and Confirmation of Cynthia Cousens-Jacobs to the Duvall Cultural Commission, Position #9, a term ending 12/31/12. *It was moved and seconded (Edwards-Ockerlander) to Confirm the Appointment of Cynthia Cousens-Jacobs to the Duvall Cultural Commission, Position #9, a term ending 12/31/12. The motion carried. (7 ayes).*

IX. Scheduled Items:

1. Staff Reports:

a. Police: Glenn Merryman, Police Chief, reviewed the Duvall Police Department Annual Statistical Report for 2009. There are some stats that are up this year from last

such as burglaries and petty thefts but on the other side of that, domestic violence is still declining, and alarms are up which is actually a good thing. The drug related crimes are also up, and the Department is putting a lot of work in to controlling that.

Sandy Meadowcroft, Duvall Prosecutor, said that she has been working with Duvall for almost two years. She said that Duvall has a great group of officers. She said that she and Duvall's public defender, John Price, really care about this community. She said that she has never been reprimanded for handing out jail time. Sandy reported that Duvall just recently was granted the option of using King County's mental health court. If a person is deemed "access one", which means their illness can be treated with medication, then Duvall can refer them to King County. Sandy also reported that Duvall is still conducting night court. This helps keep expensive warrants down because people are able to attend court easier at night.

Chief Merryman announced the next DARE graduation will be on Wednesday, April 21st at 2:00 p.m. The Cherry Valley Elementary DARE graduation was moved to April 29th. He encouraged anyone who has not yet attended one of these graduations to do so. He also announced that the police academy that was supposed to start in April was cancelled due to lack of participants. The Governor's rule is that there must be 30 participants to run an academy. This means that the officer we just hired will have to wait until at least May to start the academy. Lastly, Chief Merryman gave a brief report about the intruder shooting in Carnation. He reiterated that if you live in King County, outside of Duvall or Carnation city limits, you can expect long wait times for an officer.

b. Public Works: Boyd Benson, City Engineer, reported that work on 275th Avenue is moving forward. He also reported that the directional water line flushing was recently completed. He said that they have completed their annual National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) report. Sara Ruhland, Engineering Aide, did a lot of work on that report. Lastly, Boyd said that work on the 3rd Avenue Water Main project should start in the next few weeks.

c. Planning Department: Lara Thomas, Planning Manager, announced that at a recent Snoqualmie Valley Watershed Forum (SVWF) meeting they discussed the possibility of having to disband due to lack of funding. It is possible that King Conservation will no longer be able to cover the costs for the cities involved in the SVWF. It is not definite but they are looking at their options if they do lose that funding. Duvall's portion of the funding would be approximately \$25,000, which the City cannot afford. Councilmember Walker stated that the King County staff that is involved in the SVWF are looking at other funding options. Lara also announced that they got their first three tasks done for the Shoreline Master Plan Update. The Department of Ecology has reviewed and approved all three tasks with no comments. They are now working on the next task which is Watershed Characterization. That is the last big technical piece before they do the official public kickoff. They are hoping to do the kickoff around the time of Sandblast. Next, Lara gave a brief update on current Planning projects which include Cherry Valley Elementary, the King County Library, and Duvall Urban Village. Lastly, Lara reported that Amy Bright, Planning Administrative Assistant, is officially on maternity leave. She will likely be on leave for about a year.

d. Finance: Harry Oestreich, Finance Director, said that he had the opportunity to talk to a local citizen today who would like to volunteer his services in the Finance Department to help with various projects. He said that he plans to move forward with this volunteer and Council will probably see him at future meetings giving reports on the projects he works on.

e. Fire: John Lambert, Fire Chief, reported that they are hoping to open bids Monday for a new rescue boat. He said that after exploring the different options of consolidating District 45 and Eastside Fire and Rescue, they determined that it would be too costly for both entities to join forces at this time. They are continuing to look at the potential for a Regional Fire Authority, but that is a long term process of possibly two to three years. Chief Lambert said that right now they are focusing on what the next steps are for the Department after his retirement next year. One option is to restructure the Department locally on their own.

X. **Executive Session:** *None*

XI. **Adjournment:**
It was moved and seconded (Gill-Ockerlander) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Signed _____
Mayor Will Ibershof

Attest _____
Jodi Lee Wycoff, Deputy City Clerk